



Call for Proposals

2016 Montana History Conference

The Montana Historical Society and our partners invite session proposals for the **2016 Montana History Conference** which will be held September 22–24 in Hamilton and Stevensville. The conference will be headquartered at the [Bitterroot Inn and Conference Center](#) in Hamilton. On Saturday the 24th we will travel to Stevensville to participate in that community's [Founders Day Celebration](#) which will commemorate the 175th anniversary of the founding of St. Mary's Mission.

All topics relating to Montana history will be considered, but special consideration will be given to:

- the history and pre-history of the Bitterroot Valley—from land use by and place names of indigenous peoples to the growth of the Rocky Mountain Laboratories
- interactions between Montana's first peoples and early non-Indian immigrants in all parts of the Treasure State
- the history of religious practices, organizations, and institutions under the Big Sky.

What you need to know before submitting:

- The initial deadline for submitting proposals is February 19, 2016. Late proposals will be considered as space allows.
- After February 19, the History Conference Committee will meet to evaluate the proposals and put together a comprehensive program. You will be notified by March 15 whether or not your proposal has been accepted (please note that we generally receive far more proposals than the schedule will accommodate).
- Our conference is primarily comprised of three concurrent sessions that last a total of 1 hour and 15 minutes each. Normally, each session has two presenters so each gets 25-30 minutes for his/her presentation and the remaining time is used for introductions and joint Q&A (if there are three presenters, each gets 20 minutes). The program committee pairs speakers together so that their topics relate in some way or, if you prefer, you can submit a panel proposal comprising an entire session.
- Although we do greatly appreciate the time and effort that a presentation at the history conference entails, we are, unfortunately, not in a position to pay for speakers' travel or lodging expenses. We do however provide speakers with a complimentary, full-conference registration, including all meals and events.

To **submit a proposal** for the history conference [click here](#).

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